

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 3-13, 19, and 23, 24, 28, and 29 are pending, in which claims 25-27 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 28 is currently amended. Claims 2, 14-18, 20-22, and 30-35 have been previously canceled. No new matter is introduced.

The Advisory Office dated January 28, 2009 rejected claims 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by *Watts* (US 5,668,861).

In addition, the Advisory Office Action indicated that claims 1, 3-13, 19, 23 and 24 are allowable, and that claim 28 would be allowable if placed into independent form.

It is noted that Applicants incorporate the arguments of Applicants' response dated December 23, 2008.

To place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants now have canceled rejected claims 25-27, thereby rendering the anticipation rejection over *Watts* moot. Additionally, claim 28 has been recasted in independent form.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the objections and rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 519-9952 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 504213 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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